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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicants hereby petition for acceptance of the unintentionally delayed benefit of a claim for priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/682,057, filed July 16, 2001 (later published as US 2001/0053820 on December 20, 2001 and issued as US 6,627,704 B2 on September 30, 2003). The present application was filed July 1, 2003, and hence was copending with U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/682,057.

Included herewith are:

- (i) an amendment to the above identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2);
- (ii) the surcharge set forth in §1.17(t); and
- (iii) a statement that the entire delay is unintentional between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date this claim is filed.

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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)(iii)

The entire delay between the due date for filing of a claim for priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/682,057 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date of actually filing of this claim was unintentional.

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